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## '73 Yearbook biggest yet

The School Yearbook has arrived recently from the printer and been distributed throughout the School. The opinion of the student body and staff is that this is the finest Yearbook ever. The quality and success of this book are due in large measure to the Senior Editors, Clive Hooton, George Tombs, their talented co-workers, and the staff advisor, Mr. Leigh Seville.

This year's volume is fifty-percent larger than any previous edition and advertising was increased by three-hundred percent. Another outstanding feature of the publication is the professional quality of the photography section.

After having been Staff Advisor to the Yearbook for a number of years, Mr. Seville has turned over his position to Mr. Warren Reid.

Members of last year's graduating class who have not already done so, are urged to collect their copy of the Yearbook at the School Office.



MEMBERS OF SENIOR SCIENCE CLUB exploring space with Messrs. Reid, Anderson and Seville.

## Changes made to Library

Last summer saw a major change in the physical appearance of the Senior Library. The addition of a centre aisle bookstack, 18 feet in length, has nearly doubled the shelving space in the west end of the Library. This additional shelving is a welcome relief to Library workers whose efforts to shelve

books were often frustrated by a lack of space. As well, eighteen new catalogue file drawers are being added to alleviate over-crowding of file drawers.

As a means of economizing in book purchases, a portion of this Fall's selection was ordered in Perma Bound paperbacks. This process

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## Library receives gifts

Two very generous donations were made to the Library last Spring. Dr. R. A. Speirs was kind enough to donate \$200. for the purchase of Science books in the memory of his friend T. Llywelyn Jehu, Esq. In addition, Mr. H.J.F. Bloomfield donated \$1,000. over a two year period for the purchase of ... "books and materials which would deal with subjects entirely outside the curriculum of the students of the School... to create an intellectual playground that would enable them to look beyond their daily routine and into the broader expanses of the scholastic world beyond high school and even beyond college ..."

The School is most grateful for such fine expressions of concern for the growth of the Library collection.



## STP Productions on the Air Selwyn Students produce T.V.

Student Television Productions was founded in March, 1973, by several enthusiastic students who wished to learn more about television. Their interest and energy led them to Cable Television where they enrolled in an experimental video school sponsored by Cable TV. Over a period of weeks, the members of STV Productions were trained how to construct and light a set, to do camera work, to patch audio systems, to operate and edit on a video recorder, to produce and direct programmes and to handle other facets of television production. Upon completion of the course, STV Productions was assigned a carefully defined territory (Westmount) and it began producing programmes related to that community.

The programmes, either taped or live, are presently being aired on Cable TV on alternate Wednesdays at 10:00 P.M. They appear under the heading of TV Westmount or Westmount Television Workshop.

In principle, STV Productions functions as a media access unit for the community of Westmount. If an individual or organization wishes to promote a project or an activity or to receive publicity for some worthwhile purpose by using television, then they can do so by contacting STV Productions. STV will endeavour to provide studio time and a technical crew to produce a programme which can be aired in our scheduled time. Since STV exists to provide access

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## Student wins Unique Award

Peter Burgess of Grade 11B was recently awarded his Silver "C" Badge for soaring or gliding. Peter is one of the youngest boys in Canada to have received this badge, which is recognized by International Gliding Clubs. To obtain it, a glider pilot must pass three flight tests, distance (a straight flight of at least 50 kilometres or about 32 miles), duration (being air borne for at least 5 hours) and height (achieving an

altitude of at least 1,000 metres or about 3200 feet).

Peter started gliding with his father, who is a qualified pilot, about three years ago and since that time has spent about every possible weekend training at Hawksbury, Ontario, site of the Gliding Club. His log now shows approximately 75 hours of solo flight and undoubtedly Peter's next goal is the Gold Badge and ultimately the Diamond Award.



ASPIRING YOUNG PILOT at Controls of Glider.



## Dance 1992

The Selwyn House Dance 1992 was a great success. It was held in the gymnasium of the school and was a financial success for this hard-working Committee, headed by Jody Amblard. Encouraged by the response to this dance, the Society is planning a repeat in the near future.

## School loses an Old Friend

Mrs. Algernon Lucas, widow of the founder of Selwyn House and donor of the Lucas Medal, the School's highest award, died on July 13, 1973, at the age of eighty-eight years.

Last year, Mrs. Lucas granted an interview to representatives of the School newspaper and they were delighted by the reception she gave them. Mrs. Lucas was only too pleased to tell them of the origins of the School and the Medal and she revealed a wealth of interesting information. We regret the passing of Mrs. Algernon Lucas, a staunch friend of the School and a vital link with our past.

## Middle School Administration change

William P. Stewart has been appointed Middle School Administrator. Mr. Stewart has been with the School since 1969, and in his new position he is responsible for overseeing matters of a non-academic nature related to the smooth operation of the Middle School. He teaches Mathematics and is deeply involved with the Athletic programme.



## 'Examiner' Staff quizz P.S.B.G.M. Exec.

Although Selwyn House is not a member of the Protestant School Board of Greater Montreal, we are indirectly influenced by School Board decisions, since the School utilizes the Provincial Examination System. To clarify the present markings situation, Mr. Malcolm Stanley, Superintendent of Curriculum with the P.S.B.G.M. last month kindly allowed a group of boys from the Selwyn House 'Examiner' to question him concerning present Ministry policies.

In brief, what Grade 10 and 11 boys will face this Fall, advised Mr. Stanley, is a system of semi-accredita-

tion, that is, the final mark obtained will be an average of the School mark and Provincial Examination mark, calculated by comparisons within the School and between Provincial Schools. Exceptions to this rule are Geography 42 and History 42 courses, which will have no school marks considered in the final evaluation. Also of interest is the Ministry decision to limit Science Courses to one year only.

It is recommended that those wishing further details on these points refer to the full interview contained in the October issue of the SHS 'Examiner'.

## '73 Grads start trend

Last year's graduating class of thirty-three students achieved commendable results in their Secondary V examinations. Twelve candidates averaged 80% or better, the remainder received Second Class honours, over 65%.

As a group, however, they may have started a new trend for Selwyn House students. More than one-third of our graduates chose to enroll at Marianopolis College, a private C.E.G.E.P., as a means of fulfilling their two

year pre-university studies. Previous graduates had shown a preference for Dawson College, but last year no one chose this C.E.G.E.P.

The balance of the class picked John Abbot (3), Vanier (2), Lower Canada College 12th Grade (4), Carleton University (4), Ottawa University (1), Trinity College School 12th Grade (2), Middlebury College (1), University of New Brunswick (1), Massachusetts Institute of Technology (1), Loyola (1), Lycée de Chantilly (1).

## National Theatre School entertains Juniors

On September 14th, Grades 1 - 5 visited Miss Edgar's and Miss Cramp's School to attend a revue given by the National Theatre School.

The group gave object lessons in building actors in their early age classes. Members of the Theatre School showed, directed, performed dramatic tricks, song, and presented a variety of sketches and nursery rhymes.

Using these varied techniques, this group of talented performers interpreted for their young audience the foibles, both humorous and sad, of people in the world around them. The expressions of delight on the faces of the children and the warm applause clearly demonstrated how well the National Theatre School had captivated their young audience.

## Seven Teachers join Staff

Seven new teachers have joined the staff to fill vacancies which occurred last June.

Mme. L. Elbaz, an experienced French Specialist, is teaching in Grades 1 - 3.

Mr. A. Gauvreau, having completed his Maitrise en Enseignement at the Université de Montréal, is replacing Mr. Ankum in the Senior School.

Mr. Byron Harker, Ph.D. (English - Queen's University) is principally involved with the School's music programme but, as well, is teaching English in the Senior School. While at Queen's, Mr. Harker was holder of the McLaughlin Fellowship and a Canada Council Doctoral Fellowship.

Mr. Philip Litvak, B.Sc., comes to us from McGill where he took Honours Mathematics, won the E.M. Wilson and J.W. McConnell Scholarships, and received

a National Research Council of Canada Bursary. Mr. Litvak is teaching Mathematics in Grades 8 and 9.

Mr. J.H. O'Flynn, B.A. (Queen's University, Belfast) M.A. (Classics, McGill) is teaching English and History in Grades 8 and 9 and presenting a new course in Ancient History to Grade 11.

Mr. Robin Wearing, B.A. (University Western Ontario) has joined our Athletic Department. He comes to Selwyn House with a broad background of Secondary School physical education in Ontario. As well as being an enthusiastic and talented football coach, Mr. Wearing is a qualified Wrestling instructor.

Mr. Barry J. Williams, B.A. (Sir George Williams) taught for seven years in the Montreal area before joining our Staff as a Geography specialist.



## Special equipment for Gym

As a result of parental generosity following the Athletic Night held at School last Spring, new equipment has been purchased for use in the gym. An eighteen piece trestle set, consisting of various sized ladders, ropes and balancing beams, will be used to complement the Junior School phys-ed. programme.

The old highbar has been replaced by a new Olympic Style model. As well new mats, flying rings, and a wrestling mat with cover were added. This new equipment will not only enhance the expanded gym curriculum, but will enable the School to introduce wrestling as part of it.

## Student Union organizes drama

Recently, a Students' Union composed of six of Montreal's private schools was formed. Selwyn House's representatives in this group are William Chambers and Jody Amblard, both members of Grade 11.

The Union's first undertaking was an enthusiastic participation by the member Schools in the Tag Day for Crippled Children. This event took place on September 21st.

A Drama Club has also

been formed by the Union and during the latter part of November they will produce a play entitled "The Knight of the Burning Broomstick". The production is to be directed by Alexander Townsend, an Old Boy of L.C.C. and a graduate of the National Theatre School, and the cast is being drawn from the various private schools. This is certainly a worthwhile venture in inter-school co-operation, and it is hoped that they play to a full house.





## Notes about Old Boys

1941

Christopher Bovey has been appointed store manager of the Eaton's branch in the Bayshore Shopping Centre in Ottawa.

1950

Derek Hanson has been appointed a Director of Perkins Papers Ltd., Montreal. He is a partner in the law firm of Laing, Weldon, Courtois, Clarkson, Parsons, Gonthier and Tetrault.

1952

Charles Frosst has been appointed Comptroller (Eastern Division) of Canadian Bronze Company.

1955

Tony Maxwell won the Lazar Class and Simon Farthing ('69) Tornados Class at the Royal St. Lawrence Yacht Club Regatta last summer.

C.W. (Tim) Peters has been transferred to the Toronto office of Southam Press Ltd.

Rob Colby has been appointed to the Head Office Investment Division of the Canada Permanent Trust Company, Montreal (600 Dorchester Boulevard West).

Peter Nobbs has been appointed Assistant Treasurer of Labrador Corporation Ltd., (Churchill Falls). He is at the Westmount Square offices of Brinco.

1958

Gordon Peters is assistant to the Deputy Minister of the Department of National Defence.

Allan Wakefield has moved from Montreal to Alcan N.Z. Ltd., Station Road, WIRI, Auckland, New Zealand.

1959

Donald Steven is studying for a Ph.D. in music at Princeton University.

1961

Tony Stikeman who was formerly riding Secretary for the Honourable Bud Drury is

now in Ottawa as a Public Affairs analyst on a feasibility study of the MacKenzie Valley pipeline.

1964

Kip Cobbett has married Miss Jill Rankin.

Toby Kent has married Miss Susan Fleming.

1965

Rodney Devitt has married Miss Nancy Morton.

Keith May has married Miss Karin Perunovic.

1966

Jody Allison obtained his B.A. at Princeton and is now in first year law at McGill.

Bruce Barker obtained his B.A. Summa Cum Laude at Dartmouth and is now in first year law at the University of Toronto.

1967

David Esdaile obtained his M.D., C.M., from McGill in June and was awarded the J. Francis Williams medal for clinical medicine. David was following in the footsteps of his brother, John, who achieved the same feat in 1971.

1968

John McCallum is in Paris for a second year of study.

1970

Ralph Keefer was a delegate to the Canadian Trade Fair in Peking in September. He also got a visa to study in China for three months.

1971

Bill Ainley is now studying at Cambridge University.

1972

Jonathan Goldbloom and Ian Molson graduated this Spring from Milton Academy in Massachusetts - the former acting as class valedictorian. Ian has enrolled in Harvard University.

1973

Graeme Watt was a member of the T.C.S. first tennis team which won the Ontario Independent Schools Championship last season.

### 15 YEARS AGO... The Hockey Team, 1958.

Front Row: (left to right) L. Watchorn, M. Bastien, S. Wells. Middle Row: (left to right) J. Keays, J. McGillis, A. Miller, J. Stikeman, G. Peters.



Standing: (left to right) P. Schaal, R. Henwood, R. Smith, J. Nickson, D. Thom, A. Zinman, Mr. F. Tees.

## Strange Spectacle in Park



Passersby to the lower Westmount Soccer Field were somewhat confused by the sight of two soccer teams battling in the shrouds of darkness on October 29. This was, in fact, the annual Fall confrontation of Selwyn

House and the Old Boys' Association. On the whole, it was a closely fought battle between the two teams, the Old Boys showing tremendous strength, even though for the majority of the players it was their first outing in a

full year. The final score was 3 - 3. At the beer party held afterwards, Mr. Martin Lewis, a dear friend of the School, was made an honorary Old Boy by Lee Watchorn.

### Cocktail Party

Don't forget the Old Boys' Cocktail Party  
Thursday, November 22  
5:30 — 7:30  
Le Cartier Party Room  
(30th Floor  
1115 Sherbrooke West)

### Old Boys Notes

#### New Member of the Old Boys' Executive

Reg Groome has agreed to help with the operation of the Old Boys' Association for the coming year. Reg has been very active recently in the Old Boys' football and hockey games and we are sure that he will be a most valuable addition to the association executive.

### Old Boy Heads recording project Talking books aid to blind

Two years ago, Roswell James (in his graduating year at S.H.S.) began a project making talking books for blind students. This venture, now an annual undertaking, is funded by the generous donations of many people and is held together by Roswell's industry and initiative.

Initially, this project had been rejected by the Opportunity For Youth Grant Committee; but, undaunted by this financial setback, Roswell set out to raise his own money from the business community. The first summer, he raised \$1,800.00, hired three readers, and taped five books. Last sum-

mer, as a result of increased efforts, James raised \$9,500, hired six readers (three English, three French), and produced twenty-six books. This August, with the assistance of Michael Meighen, Roswell's project, Educational Sound Recordings for the Blind (E.S.R.B.) became a registered Canadian charitable organization.

Roswell is preparing now for next summer and he anticipates hiring six readers, a recording director, and a blind student (for quality control). To pay salaries and defray operating costs (particularly studio rental), (See Talking Books - page 4)

### OOPS!

In our usual last minute rush to send out our first mailing prior to the Old Boys Soccer game, several mistakes were made. Hopefully, the Old Boys will accept our apologies for the rather hurried stuffing of envelopes and the lack of signature on the letter. Since costs are an important consideration at this time, it was decided that we would not have a corrected set of letters copied, and the alternative of manually correcting 800 letters was not too appealing.





## Soccer Team Tours in Ontario

Appleby and St. Andrews



On Thursday, October 11, a Middle School soccer team left from Central Station to begin a trip to St. Andrew's College in Aurora and Appleby College in Oakville. The team was composed of 15 players and a student manager - all from Grades 5, 6 and 7. The purpose of the trip was to provide the boys with experience in travelling as a school group while visiting and playing against other independent schools.

After arriving in Toronto on Thursday afternoon, the boys were driven to Aurora by Mr. Cude and Mr. Wearing in two rented station wagons. That night, 12 of the boys were put up in the school infirmary and the others were placed in a dormitory with boys of their age. Friday morning was spent visiting classes with the boys of St. Andrew's, and, in the afternoon, the team played St. Andrews to a 0-0 tie.

Shortly after the match, the group travelled to Oakville. There, it was met by the boys of the Appleby team whose parents billeted our players in their homes Friday night.

On Saturday morning, the group visited the Sports Hall of Fame and the Hockey Hall of Fame in Toronto. The team then returned to Appleby for lunch and played a spirited game later that afternoon. The result was a disappointing 4-0 loss, but the prospect of staying at the King Edward Hotel Toronto that night somewhat made up for the loss.

In Toronto that evening, the team spent three hours touring the Ontario Science Centre. The group left Toronto at noon on Sunday and arrived at S.H.S. late that afternoon. The boys were unanimous in commenting on the success of this trip and their enjoyment in meeting their counterparts in Ontario.



PHOTO BY ACTION  
Selwyn Team vs. S.H.S.

## Football and Soccer Teams improved

Expanded Programme helps

During the past three years, Selwyn's participation in the G.M.I.A.A. has increased to the point where we now field three teams, a Bantam and Senior football squad and a Bantam soccer team, in this inter-school sports league. These same teams, as well as a Senior Soccer group, also compete against other independent schools. This increased participation and the improved calibre of our play in both sectors are due in large measure to our expanded sports programme, a larger coaching staff, and a continued improvement in the quality of the coaching. With the change in the sports timetable, more time is now avail-

able to develop the skills necessary in these two sports and to have intensive team practices. In addition, there has been, of late, a marked improvement in the attitude of the students towards sports and with this, an increased desire to be competitive in high school sports.

The Bantam football team's record for the first half of the season in G.M.I.A.A. and Independent School play is 4 wins and 3 losses. Michael Roy, Ed. Schwartz, Brent Mainwaring, John O'Quinn, and Karel Nemec are singled out for their good play on this team. The Juniors have won 3 and lost 3 of their games. Julian Heller, Chris. Shannon,

Frank Baker, Chris Norris, Donald Bloxam and Stephen Burns are deserving of mention in this section.

Our Bantam and Senior Soccer teams have a record of 9 wins and 3 ties and 4 losses. The standard of play exhibited by these two teams has been most encouraging, especially in their games against Stanstead College and Bishop's College School. Outstanding among the Seniors have been Brian Fitzpatrick, David Smith, Jim Marchant and Peter Burgess, while among the Bantams, Peter Banks, Robert Maldonado, Tim Large and Robert Hall are having a strong season.



Junior Football team against L.C.C.

### (STV....)

to television, there is no charge for the studio time or air time. STV Productions, in this way, provides residents an access to media which is not normally available to a community. The free service exists because Cable TV provides the studio and STV is a volunteer group funded (in a limited way) by the members of the organization.

Though the members of STV Productions were the youngest of the five groups trained in the experimental video school, and their youth caused some initial trepidation, STV has produced fourteen shows to date and is

planning and working on many others. Though none of the groups graduating from the video school obtain direct financing from Cable TV, they do (as we do) raise their own funds. Thus far, STV has raised its funds within the group so that titles, film clips, graphics, slides and the like can be used in the productions.

As STV Productions goes into its Fall schedule, shows which deal with the Westmount Wanderers (the rugby team), St. Mathias Centennial Year, The Westmount Examiner, Westmount's Teenage Recruits, the Montreal Museum, Fortune Telling

(involving a film made by a resident), the Westmount Provincial Election Candidates, the Westmount Historical Society, Educational Sound Recordings for the Blind, and Education in Westmount are being planned and taped. These and other programmes related to Westmount will be aired at 10:00 P.M. on October 3, October 17, October 31, November 14, November 28 or December 12.

Though STV is not strictly a school endeavour, those involved in the group belong to our community and we hope that you will watch and comment on the shows.

### (Library....)

permits a standard cloth bound library edition to be purchased at one quarter of its normal price. Before further purchases of this type are made, however, those ordered will be tested for durability.

Mrs. Helen Goodall is again in charge of volunteer librarians and she would appreciate hearing from mothers interested in helping

the Library. Chris. Noxon of 10B has been chosen as this year's head Student Librarian.

### (Talking Books....)

Roswell has established an ambitious \$15,000.00 goal.

Without the support of many individuals and companies, Roswell realizes he cannot fulfil a vital need in the community. At this time, the Lion's Club of Verdun has offered to supply the

necessary tapes and Roswell hopes that Inasco, Molson Industries Limited, C.I.L., Royal Trust, Royal Bank, Reader's Digest, Texaco and Dominion Textiles will help as much as they have in the past two years. Roswell affirms that without their continued generosity he would not have been able to expand and continue his most invaluable contribution to the blind community.





